

# FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES Program Highlights

It's only a matter of time. Flooding will return to California. But will California's flood-management infrastructure be ready when it does?

A recent levee break in the Delta and new court decisions have focused attention on the importance of flood management as a key part of California's overall water strategy. What's needed to strengthen California's flood-management system, and how can it be paid for? This two-day, workshopstyle event, sponsored by the Water Education Foundation and cosponsored by the California Department of Water Resources and The Reclamation Board, will bring together top flood-management planners and stakeholders to share ideas for the strategies and tools needed to improve the system in an era of tight budgets and competing priorities.

At this conference, speakers will address:

- The current flood-management crisis, and how we got here.
- Rethinking the flood-control system in light of legal liability and fiscal constraints.
- Who should bear the consequences of developing in floodprone areas?
- How can flood protection be achieved with environmental compliance?
- What role does the Delta play in flood protection?
- Can sustainable funding mechanisms be developed to maintain and improve California's flood-management system?

What: Flood Management Workshop: Options and

**Opportunities** 

When: Tuesday, November 9 and Wednesday, November 10,

2004

Where: Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 202,

**Downtown Sacramento** 

Cost: \$150, includes lunch and reception on November 9, and

background materials

# FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES Agenda

### Tuesday, November 9

8:30 am Registration

9:00 Welcome

Rita Schmidt Sudman, Executive Director,

Water Education Foundation Lester Snow,

Director, California Department of Water Resources

9:30 Keynote Address: Why We Are in a Crisis

Col. Michael Conrad Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:15 BREAK

10:30 Rethinking the Flood Control System - What Are the Keys?

Joe Countryman, Consulting Civil Engineer and President,

Murray, Burns & Kienlen

Rod Mayer, Acting Chief, Division of Flood Management,

California Department of Water Resources

Frank Bigelow, San Joaquin River Task Force Member

and Madera County Supervisor\*

Mark Charlton, Deputy District Engineer,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Moderator: Stuart Leavenworth, Reporter, The Sacramento Bee

Noon Lunch

The Perils of Static Flood Management in a

**Dynamic Landscape** 

Jeffrey Mount, Professor of Geology,

University of California, Davis, and Member, Reclamation Board

1:30 pm The Disconnect Between Land Use Decisions and

**Financial Consequences** 

Pete Rabbon, General Manager, The Reclamation Board Curt Aikens, General Manager, Yuba County Water Agency

Yvonne Hunter, Legislative Representative,

League of California Cities,

California Building Industry Association representative **Moderator**: Scott Shapiro, *Attorney, Downey Brand, LLP* 

3:00 BREAK

The mission of the Water Education Foundation, an impartial, non-profit organization, is to create a better understanding of water issues and help resolve water resource problems through educational programs.

# 3:15 Maintaining Flood Control Projects: Achieving Environmental Compliance and Flood Protection Keith Swanson, Chief, Maintenance Branch, California Department of Water Resources Diana Jacobs, Deputy Director, California Department of Fish and Game Wayne White, Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Beau Goldie, Deputy Operations Officer, Santa Clara Valley Water District\* Ron Stork, Senior Policy Advocate, Friends of the River Tom Bolich, Director of Public Works,

Moderator: Assembly Member Lois Wolk, Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

### 5:00 RECEPTION (No-host bar)

### Wednesday, November 10

Santa Cruz County

### 8:30 am The Delta's Role in Flood Protection

Marci Coglianese, Mayor of Rio Vista and Member,
Delta Protection Commission

Jeffrey Mount, Professor of Geology,
University of California, Davis, and Member, Reclamation Board

Tim Quinn, Vice President, State Water Project Issues,
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Chris Neudeck, Principal, Kjeldsen Sinnock & Neudeck Inc.

Curt Schmutte, Chief, Levees & North Delta Branch,
Bay-Delta Office, California Department of Water Resources

Moderator: Stein Buer, Executive Officer, Sacramento Area Flood
Control Agency\*

### 10:00 BREAK

### 10:15 Developing a Sustainable Funding Mechanism

Bill Edgar, Member, Reclamation Board and former Executive Officer, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Kate Hansel, Assistant Director, California Bay-Delta Authority
Mike Hardesty, Manager, Reclamation District No. 2068 and President, California Central Valley Flood Control Association
Phil Isenberg, Of Counsel, Miller Owen & Trost and former state Assembly Member

Moderator: George Basye, Partner, Downey Brand, LLP

### 11:45 Closing Remarks

Betsy A. Marchand, President, The Reclamation Board

### 12:30 pm Adjourn

\*Invited

## Accommodations

### Flood Management Workshop: Options and Opportunities

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The workshop will be at the Sacramento Convention Center in Downtown Sacramento. Shuttle transportation from Sacramento International Airport to the Convention Center is available via SuperShuttle, (800) 258-3826. Car rental and taxi services also are available at the airport.

Downtown hotels near the Convention Center include the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, (916) 443-1234; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, (916) 447-1700; and Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, (916) 446-0100.

# Registration

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November 9-10, 2004 Sponsored by Water Education Foundation Cosponsored by California Department of Water Resources The Reclamation Board Please register me ☐ \$150 ☐ Check Enclosed Cancellation policy - full refunds (less a \$25 administrative charge) will be given if written notice is received by 5 p.m. November 1. Substitutions may be made at any time. Faxed registrations will be accepted with purchase orders or credit cards. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_ Organization\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Phone \_\_ E-mail Lunch Choice: Beef Vegetarian Chicken ☐ Visa ☐ American Exp. ☐ Mastercard Purchase order #\_\_\_\_\_

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